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## Pennsylvania Mink Pelt Production

HARRISBURG, PA, July 12, 2010 - - Pennsylvania mink pelt production in 2009 totaled 57,300 pelts, down 10 percent from 2008, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average prices for mink pelts produced in Pennsylvania are not available.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 15,900, up 4 percent from the previous year. Forty-one percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2009 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 1 percent from 2008. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing state, produced 886,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing state, produced 613,500 pelts.

Mink pelts produced during the 2009 crop year were valued at \$186 million, up 58 percent from \$117 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2009 crop year was \$65.10, up \$23.50 from \$41.60 in 2008.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 670,200, down one percent from the previous year. There were 278 mink farms producing pelts in 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago.